during the last three years was as under :—

Year	Rice	Dal	Sugar (October—September)
1991-92	74.68	12.02	13.41
1992-93	72.61	13.60	10.61
1993-94(Provisional)	79.01	14.21	9.81

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Subsidy Provided to FCI

2767. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidy provided to the Food Corporation of India on food items has been increased during 1994-95 in comparison to the last three years, year-wise ;

" (b) if so, the percentage of increase made therein and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the per quintal economic cost of wheat, rice and sugar evaluated by the Food Corporation of India during the years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) Food subsidy provided/released to the Food Corporation of India during the last four years was as follows:—

Year	Rs. Crores
1991-92	2850
1992-93	2785
1993-94	5537
1994-95(BE)	4000

Increase in subsidy is mainly attributable to increase in the procurement cost of grains,- delayed and partial passing on of the increased costs to Public Distribution System consumers, increase in interest charges, increase in freight charges and some arreas of subsidy for previous years.

(c) The required information is as follows :—

(Rate Rs. per qtl.)

Year	Wheat	Rice	Levy Sugar
1990-91	356.50	457.52	640.76
1991-92	390.79	497.04	695.65
1992-93	504.10	585.07	763.88
1993-94	532.03	665.10	864.12
1994-95 (BE)	571.71	701.91	903.49 (RE)

Import of Sugar

2768. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what is total quantity and value of sugar imported both by private sector and public sector undertakings, after Government decided to import sugar;

(a) the names of private dealers who imported the sugar, the quantity and value imported by them, and. the country from where they have imported ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the foreign suppliers hiked the price of sugar immediately after the Central Govern ment decided to import sugar;

(d) whether Government have contacted respective Indian Embassies to find out whether prices of sugar in respective countries in their domestic markets has also gone up during the period; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to consider getting reports about the prevailing sugar prices during the relevant period from Indian Embassies, during the period of imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) As per reports received from Ministry of Surface Transport and other sources, about 9.37 lakh tonnes sugar has been imported by various private parties. The rate/value of sugar imported by private parties under Open General Licence is not available with the Government. As regards Public Sector, State Trading Corporation of India Limited and Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation Ltd. have also imported about 9.77 lakh tonnes of sugar at an average CIF rate of about US $ 387 per metric tonne.

(b) As per available information a statement snowing the names of private parties together with the quantity of sugar imported by them under Open General Licence is annexed, *(See* below). The details regarding rate, country of origin etc. are not available with the Government.

(c) The London Daily Price of sugar was US $ 340 per tonne FOB on 15th March, 1994 .when Government announc ed its decision to put import of sugar under Open General Licence. However, the sugar prices thereafter fluctuated